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THE LIBRARY LOOKOUT

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



4TH ANNUAL FALL BOOK DRIVE

It is that time of year again... Time for our annual Fall Book Drive! As we have since 2020, we are asking for a bit of help bulking up our collection for the month of October. During this month, we don't purchase our books as usual, but instead ask our community to help by purchasing books off of our amazon wishlist (<https://a.co/dyzFRbm>) where they will be sent directly to us; by grabbing a book tag off of our Fall Book Drive Tree in the library lobby and purchasing it from your favorite local bookstore; or by making a monetary donation so that we can buy the wish-listed book of your choice off of our wholesaler at a slightly cheaper price.

Since the start of this annual event, we have continued to be amazed by the generosity of our community. 2020 saw 123 new titles gifted to us, 2021 with 233 titles, and 2022 ended with a whopping 244 new books and DVDs to add to our collection. We are hoping to continue beating our yearly record and collect at least 250 new books this year! If you have the means and ability, we hope you'll consider helping us grow our collection even more this year.

For those who do choose to donate monetarily or by purchasing a book from our wishlist, we do offer the option to receive a nameplate in your purchased book. This could be to say that it was donated by you or your children, or to say it was donated in honor or in memory of someone important to you.



Stop by and pick a tag
from our Fall Book
Drive tree!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOSURES & NOTABLE EVENTS

10/9 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Indigenous Peoples' Day
11/4 – Updated Saturday hours start! 10am-3pm
11/10 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Veterans' Day
11/23 - 11/25 – LIBRARY CLOSED for Thanksgiving

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

Every Wednesday – Storytime @ 10:30 - 11:30AM
Every Thursday – Career Center Consultant @ 1 - 4PM
Every Friday – Sit & Knit @ 1 - 3PM

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10/3 – YA Book Club @ 5PM  
10/10 – Teen Poetry Club @ 4:30PM  
10/17 – Coding Club (Group 1, FULL) @ 3:30-5PM  
10/18 – Coding Club (Group 2, FULL) @ 3:30-5PM  
10/18 – Children's Sewing Class (FULL)  
10/19 – Coding Club (Group 3, FULL) @ 3:30-5PM  
10/19 – Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6:30PM  
10/26 – LEGO Club @ 3:30PM  
10/26 – Author Talk w/Shannon Bowring @ 6PM

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11/07 – YA Book Club @ 5PM
11/14 – Teen Poetry Club @ 4:30PM
11/16 – DIY "Spicy" Bookmarks at Unwined @ 6PM
11/30 – LEGO Club @ 3:30 - 4:30PM
11/30 – Books & Brews at Unwined @ 6PM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING

We had some fantastic programs during September, with the return of some fan favorites - jewelry making with Sallyann from Knight by the Sea Creations and DIY floral bookmarks. As always, we had a whole host of people here excited to make these crafts with their own two hands, and we got some very creative pieces out of it.

Teen Poetry Club, Chicken Book Club, and YA Book Club also had great starts in September, and we can't wait to see what they read and write next!

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We also held our pre-Fall-Book-Drive fundraiser at Unwined this last Thursday, which was a huge hit. Through tips and the sale of our special “Apple in Wonderland” (apple mimosa) drink, we managed to raise \$440 to go towards our Fall Book Drive! We had such a fun time visiting with everyone while we got to make their drinks, and are so grateful to everyone who showed up, as well as the folks at Unwined for offering to host us for the night.

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When it comes to adult programming, this month will be fairly low-key, as our wonderful adult circulation librarian, Bree, will be out all month on her long-awaited honeymoon! Because of this, we will only be holding Books & Brews with Miss Angie on 19th (this month's book is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Piccoult, don't forget to grab one from the library!) and an author talk on the 26th with Maine native Shannon Bowring about her debut novel *The Road to Dalton*. We hope to see you there!



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HVAC SYSTEM UPDATE

As most of you have probably seen first hand at this point, the HVAC renovation has turned out to be a much bigger and prolonged process than we expected at the start. There is still another couple of weeks worth of work to be done, but we are hopeful it will all be wrapping up soon! In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and understanding. We know it will all be worth it when we can use these for heat this winter and A/C next summer!



Work on the new HVAC system is still going strong!

Staff Picks of the Month

Angie - *The Brothers Hawthorne* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Bree - *My Darling Girl* by Jennifer MacMahon

Josie - *The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna J. Edwards

Gabrielle - *The Insatiable Hunger of Trees* by Samantha Eaton

Lydia - *Slewfoot* by Brom

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